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DEAR SIRs:

REFERENCE TO DOCKET NUMBER 00N-1571

I GROW CHICKENS FOR WAMPLER FOODS, INC. IN MARSHVILLE, NC. I AM WRITING TO STATE MY OPPOSITION TO THE FDA'S PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW THE APPROVAL OF BAYTRIL IN THE GROWING OF CHICKENS.

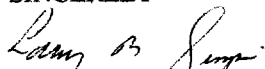
BAYTRIL IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH OF THE CHICKENS I RAISE. DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE PRICE OF THE DRUG IT IS USED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT, BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE THAT OPTION. BAYTRIL USED ON SICK BIRDS WILL PRODUCE A SAFER AND MUCH HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCT FOR THE CONSUMERS. ALSO BIRDS THAT ARE HEALTHY (WITH THE HELP OF THIS PRODUCT) CONVERT FEED MUCH BETTER WHICH PRODUCES LESS WASTE AND AS EVERYONE KNOWS REDUCED WASTE IS BENEFICIAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

SOME ADDITIONAL REASONS WHY I THINK BAYTRIL SHOULD BE KEPT AVAILABLE ARE:

1. FARMING IS A RISKY AND LOW PAYING PROPOSITION AT BEST AND THIS DRUG DOES HELP GENERATE MORE INCOME.
2. DISPOSING OF HUNDREDS OR EVEN THOUSANDS OF DEAD BIRDS IS A HUGE PROBLEM.
3. KEEPING PRODUCTION COSTS DOWN MEANS WE CAN PUT A CHEAPER PRODUCT IN THE STORE.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT BAYTRIL IS USED ONLY UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION AND ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. I PLEAD THAT YOU WOULD AT LEAST LET BAYER MAKE ITS CASE TO KEEP IT ON THE MARKET. I FEEL THAT IF YOU HEAR ALL THE FACTS YOU WILL LET US CONTINUE TO USE IT.

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